



State of Louisiana

Chairman
Vacant

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

Post Office Box 3677
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3677

Rizwan Ahmed
Vice Chairman
(225) 342-7105
(225) 219-4994 fax
Rizwan.Ahmed@la.gov

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

The Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Vice-Chair Mr. Rizwan Ahmed called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Diane Didier, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Vice-Chair)

Chief Robert Black
Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth
Arnold Chauviere
Matt Farlow
Michelle Fontenot

Curry Johnson

Pat Potier
Colonel Eric Sivula
Tommy Thiebaud

Committee Members Absent:

Joe Drago
Chief Freddie Drennan
Sheriff Ricky Edwards
Heywood Jeffers

Lt. Colonel Robert Morris
Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman
Senator Robert Marionneaux

Representing Agency:

Division of Administration &
Office of Information Technology
LA Fire Chief's Association
LA State Police
LA Public Service Commission
GOHSEP
LA House of Representatives Committee
on Administration of Criminal Justice
LA House of Representatives Special
Committee on LA Homeland Security
Dept. of Health & Hospitals
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services
Regional Parish Homeland Security &
Emergency Preparedness Directors
Committee

Representing Agency:

Dept. of Transportation/Development
Police Chief's Association
LA Sheriff's Association
LA Senate Select Committee on
Homeland Security
LA National Guard
Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
LA State Senate Judiciary B Committee

State/Parish Agency Representatives Present:

John Butterick	Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP
Ed Day	Region 9 Washington OHSEP
Eric Deroche	Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP
Clay Henry	Region 4 Iberia OHSEP
Colonel Kenneth Hughes	Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP
Robert Jump	Region 7 Caddo/Bossier OHSEP
Donald Milligan	Region 6 Rapides OHSEP
Corporal Michael Murphy	Region 2 Baton Rouge OHSEP

Support Staff Present:

Diane Didier (LA Board of Regents)

**Guest List
See Appendix**

III. Approval of the Minutes of August 30, 2006

Mr. Rizwan Ahmed, Interim and Vice-Chair, asked for a motion to approve the August 30, 2006 minutes.

On motion of Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth, seconded by Lt. Colonel Kenneth Hughes, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes for August 30, 2006.

IV. Special Presentations

Mr. Ahmed asked Lt. Colonel Booth to introduce the first presentation. Lt. Colonel Booth introduced Mr. Jon Cooper of 800MHz Transition Administrator. Mr. Cooper gave his presentation on the 800 MHz Reconfiguration Program. Mr. Cooper then answered questions asked by the Committee members regarding the Program.

Mr. Ahmed introduced Brigadier General Hunt Downer, Governor's Legislative Office. General Downer stated that the Governor has committed funds for the SIEC. The Governor and Mr. LeBlanc are looking at many streams of revenue dedicated to this Committee. The

Governor said that this Committee is the key to the recommendations for statewide interoperability. It is the one voice.

Mr. Ahmed asked about support from the legislators. General Downer challenged the Committee members to contact their legislators and let them see functions of their agency and educate the legislators on interoperability. Suggestion was made for the SIEC to coordinate a road trip for the legislators to visit the SIEC members' parishes.

Mr. Tommy Thiebaud inquired about any immediate funding for staffing the SIEC. General Downer suggested that the SIEC be a part of an operating state agency for transition assistance with administrative staffing. Mr. Ahmed mentioned that technical experts need to be part of the SIEC administrative staff to meet the duties of the Committee stated in the Governor's executive order. General Downer suggested for the SIEC send him a list of recommended SIEC staffing with job description and qualifications. He also stated that he will try to attend as many SIEC meetings as he can and any ideas that you have let him know about them.

Mr. Ahmed suggested that he send Chief Robert Black's paper "What Is Interoperability" with updates regarding staffing job descriptions and qualifications and send out on the SIEC listserv.

V. Sub-Committee Progress Reports

Mr. Ahmed asked Lt. Colonel Booth for the Assessment Sub-Committee report. Lt. Colonel Booth gave an update on the Assessment Survey responses and again stated that they still need more responses to complete the Assessment. Lt. Colonel Booth stated that the Assessment Survey Reports will be on the State Police Interoperability Website.

After further discussion regarding the SIEC administrative staffing, Mr. Ahmed stated that he will send General Downer a brief description, with the assistance from the SIEC members, of the SIEC administrative job titles and qualifications. Ms. Daphne Levenson

mentioned that she will contact Mr. Dan Hawkins from SEARCH for qualifications of positions needed for SIEC administrative staffing.

Mr. Ahmed asked Chief Black for the Technology Sub-Committee report. Chief Black announced that The Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association is conducting a Training Symposium October 7, 2006 at the Comfort Suites Hotel in Vidalia, LA. The SIEC is scheduled for an Interoperability Presentation at 3:00 p.m.

In absence of a Chair for the Finance and Funding Sub-Committee, Mr. Ahmed stated some of General Downer's comments earlier in the meeting. There was discussion regarding the three phases of funding stated by General Downer. Mr. Ahmed asked for a volunteer to Chair the Funding and Finance Sub-Committee. Since there were no volunteers, Mr. Ahmed will review the list of Funding and Finance Sub-Committee members.

There was discussion regarding receiving funds from grants and there was mention of calling the first grant writers from a Division of Administration who attended one of our SIEC meetings. Request was made to contact Mr. Darrell Lovell and Mr. Rob Harrison from the OCD-SGMS (Office of Community Development-State Grants Management Section) to research grant opportunities for the SIEC. Ms. Levenson suggested that earmark grants are the way to go and also to work with Mississippi and Alabama to receive some funding.

In absence of Ms. Susan Severance, Chair for the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee, no report was given.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Ahmed asked for a report from the Gulf Coast Summit Planning Committee. Ms. Levenson reported the following: Tentative dates - Monday, February 26 through Wednesday February 28, 2007; Ms. Diane Didier, Corporal Michael Murphy

and she toured the Holiday Inn Select Conference/Hotel; will tour River Center and other hotels later in the week; she mentioned to do a save the date card and send out ASAP; hope that Summit grant funds may be used to pay for MS Wireless and AL SIEC committee member rooms; stated goals of the Summit; and

Ms. Levenson asked Committee members to give recommendations for vendors and topics for the Gulf Coast Summit.

VII. New Business

Ms. Christina Dayries handed out the latest SIEC Assessment Survey forms and reports from State Police. Ms. Dayries mentioned she will have the updated reports on the State Police Interoperability website.

VIII. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

IX. Adjournment

In the absence of further business, Mr. Rizwan Ahmed adjourned the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**APPENDIX
GUEST LIST
September 6, 2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Christina Dayries	LA State Police
Richard Silverman	DEQ
Robert Hale	LSU Police
Glenn Rogers	Calcasieu OHSEP
Daphne Levenson	GSRCPI
Cathy Trenkle	LERN
Robert Mehriens	LCLE
Jon C. Cooper	Transition Administrator
John Estes	Motorola
Robert Sileo	Motorola
General Hunt Downer	Governor's Legislative Office